

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**On page 15, please amend the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph as follows:**

As shown in FIG. 7, a cover 44 for sealing the housing 34 is mounted to an opening side (left side in FIG. 6) of the housing 34 by being tightened by three bolts 45. An output shaft 40 inlaying a substantially cylindrical key lock collar 55 on the outer circumference thereof is inserted at a center of the cover 44, and the cover 44 is further formed ~~The cover 44 is formed with a substantially cylindrical key lock collar 55 for allowing the output shaft 40 to be inserted at a center thereof, and~~ with a substantially U-shaped frame 47 so as to project toward the proximal side (left side in FIG. 6) of the steering column 31. An intermediate shaft 49 is connected to an end of the output shaft 40 via a universal joint 48.